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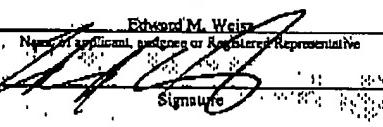
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On Page 2, before "Background of the Invention", insert the following:

--This is a continuation of PCT Application No. PCT/FI99/00851, filed on October 14, 1999, which claims priority from Finland Application No. FI 982232, filed October 14, 1998.--

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to indicate that the subject application is a continuation application of PCT/FI99/00851. Entry of this Amendment is requested prior to examination of the application.